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\$40,000 Granted To Core Program

When Saint Joseph's College initiated its unique Core general education curriculum in the fall of 1969, many professional educators around the nation turned interested eyes and ears toward Rensselaer while making mental notes that they'd want to see how this bold, innovative approach to higher education would work out.

Core is now moving through its tenth academic year at Saint Joseph's and educators from coast to coast have their answer: Core is working, even more successfully than some optimistic observers had predicted ten years ago.

And there is one more development: Core has gained a national reputation among educators as a model interdisciplinary approach to general education requirements. In recent years, large and small schools

tution, a Catholic liberal arts college, than the more traditional approach to general education," says Dr. Earl J. McGrath in his book, **General Education and the Plight of Modern Man**.

According to Core coordinator Dr. John Nichols, "Harvard received national acclaim when it decided to reconstruct its general education program, but according to articles I have seen, the consensus is that the program here maintains and displays a more ambitious and innovative approach to education than Harvard."

Articles concerning Saint Joseph's Core program have been published in many books and magazines. **Forum** magazine regarded Core to be of such great importance that it ran an introduction of the Core programs of various colleges and universities and included Saint Joseph's program in the first issue, with a display on the front cover.

Other schools featured in that issue were Stanford University, the University of Kentucky, Kenyon (Ohio) College and the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay.

Since the publication of this article, Saint Joseph's has received more than 150 letters from schools asking about Core and how they might go about starting a similar program.

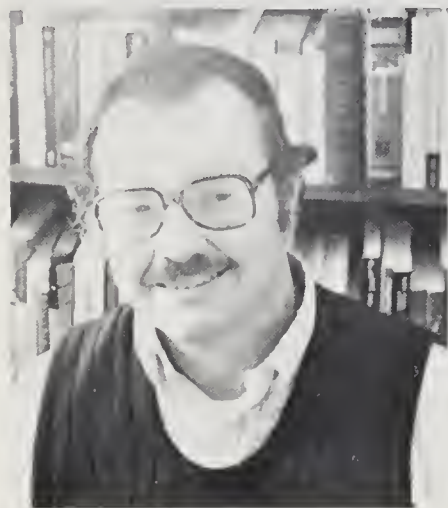
general education curriculum in action.

"Because of honors like these, Saint Joseph's students and especially the upperclassmen, should



Due to this widespread response, Saint Joseph's has received a grant of \$40,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities to establish an institute during the summer of 1979 to teach faculty from other schools how Core is run and to show Saint Joseph's

feel a sense of pride in their Core program, since these students have played a strong supportive role in helping to structure our program," says Dr. Nichols. "Saint Joseph's has a legitimate claim that Core has earned a national reputation in the college teaching profession."



DR. NICHOLS

alike have studied Saint Joseph's Core curriculum with a viewpoint toward adopting a similar program themselves.

"Saint Joseph's College adopted its Core curriculum because it was seen to be a better way to achieve the goals and purposes of the insti-

Dr. Burkey Coordinates 25 Students In Creative Free Enterprise Program

Innovative approaches to learning are nothing new at Saint Joseph's College, and when the second semester of the current school year began, approximately 25 students embarked on what one professor terms "A healthy challenge, an exciting learning experience."

Dr. Roy Burkey, chairman of Saint Joseph's department of business

administration, is campus sponsor of "Students in Free Enterprise," a project of the National Leadership Institute, which is a non-profit educational organization in cooperation with American colleges and universities and the American business community.

Headquartered in Dallas, Tex., the purpose of the project is to encourage and help young people anticipating business careers to commit themselves to a movement of their own creation.

Students are to design projects "that speak up for our American free enterprise system which, even with its imperfections, has brought us to the highest standard of living history has known, and projects that help preserve for themselves the

a session last October in Kalamazoo, Mich., where the purposes and goals of the institute were explained.

"There is a special emphasis on creativity, on student initiative, and on students selling themselves on what they are doing," Dr. Burkey points out. "Using leadership skills, students are motivated to create their own imaginative, effective programs on campus and in surrounding communities to show the superiority of free enterprise over other economic systems."

Creation of puppet shows, skits and radio shows are included among ideas in the past three years of this program. Other students have written articles for newspapers or designed classroom presentations as supplements to regular class material. In one city, students did paintings on the theme "what free enterprise means to me," displayed them in store windows, and stood by to explain the paintings to observers.

State competition for Indiana and Michigan will be held next April at Lansing, Mich., with a \$1,000 prize going to the school judged the best. In May, national competition will be held in Dallas with the top prize being \$10,000.

"It's important that students remember that the winning of prizes is actually secondary to the tremendous experience in leadership to be gained from this competition," Dr. Burkey says. "This is the first year Indiana is represented in the competition; Anderson and Indiana-Richmond also are participating."

Saint Joe students first heard of the National Leadership Institute program via the campus Business Club, and Dr. Burkey states their enthusiasm for the project matches his.

"Achievements of students in the past three years under this program are solid testimony to the commitment and leadership that participating students and faculty sponsors have brought to this challenging opportunity," Dr. Burkey concludes.



DR. BURKEY

opportunity to bring to the system new life and new leadership for its continued improvement and progress."

Dr. Burkey says this program will bring up to three hours of credit via independent study to students during the winter semester.

Through initial orientation sessions each fall, students and faculty participants receive extensive motivational leadership training from the National Leadership Institute. Dr. Burkey and four students attended

Mehall Announces Addition To Medical Technology Program

Saint Joseph's medical technology program has become affiliated with Good Samaritan Hospital of Vincennes, Ind., announces Dr. Andrew G. Mehall, chairman of the college department of biology.

"Opportunities for internships in southern Indiana are now available to our students enrolled in the medical technology program at Saint Joseph's," Dr. Mehall explains. "Since we are enrolling students from southern Indiana, it is to the advantage

Evansville and Terre Haute, is allowed to enroll 12 medical technology interns in the training program but routinely accepts six to eight each year, thus maximizing individualized instruction.

"Because it is both a general and specialized hospital, student interns at Good Samaritan have the opportunity to be exposed to a wide variety of laboratory techniques," Dr. Mehall points out.

To initiate the affiliation, Good Samaritan Hospital has accepted one of Saint Joseph's junior applicants, Teresa Elward of Leesburg, Ind.

Saint Joseph's medical technology program is now affiliated with five hospitals: Good Samaritan; St. Mary Mercy of Gary, Ind.; St. John of Anderson, Ind.; St. Vincent of Indianapolis and St. Joseph of Chicago.



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of both the college and Good Samaritan Hospital to establish this affiliation."

Good Samaritan, the major hospital in the largely rural area between

**LITTLE 500
WEEKEND**

Set For

APRIL 6-8

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class notes

34 Congratulations to **Edward A. Fischer** in publication of another book, **Mindanao Mission** (Seabury Press, 1978). It follows his recent **The Light in the Far East** and **Everybody Steals from God**.

47 **Richard R. Crance** has retired from Airesearch Manufacturing of Phoenix, which is part of the Garret Corporation, which is owned by the Signal Oil Company.

50 **Charles S. Hanley, Jr.** was elected Vice-President — Sales for GATX Tank Erection Corporation with headquarters in Chicago. He has been with GATX since 1955 and in addition to Chicago, he has been assigned to positions in New Orleans, LA., Pittsburgh, PA., and Birmingham, AL.



GLADU

55 **Gerald R. Gladu** was recently elected to the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet. He is the Vice-President of Community Relations and Development, St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee, IL. Before joining the administrative staff at St. Mary's, he was Vice-President for Development at Saint Joseph's College.

57 **Raymond J. Banary, Sr.** was recently elected as Westchester Township Trustee. He retired as football coach for Chesterton High School with a record of 106 wins, 43 losses and 3 ties in 16 years as coach. He is the Attendance Director and Athletic Trainer for Chesterton. He was a former town Judge and Advisory Board Member in Chesterton, IN. His son, Ray, Jr., is on the Puma football team as a junior.

60 **Stanley J. Nawrocki** joined the Bank of New Orleans as Senior Vice-President and non-funds Resources Administrator.

63 **Patrick J. Murphy** of P. J. Murphy & Associates, Inc., Management Consultants, has announced the formation of an International Division with his firm.

67 **Richard J. Dickrede** is District Sales Manager for HYCO Division of Dana Corporation, manufacturer of Custom Built Hydraulic Cylinders, located in Ashland, Ohio.

Gerald M. Laney was elected to the Board of Commissioners, Hoffman Estates Park District and currently serves as President of the Board.

68 **Rev. James J. Gettig, C.P.P.S.** has been assigned to the Hispanic

Apostolate on the near east-side of Cleveland, Ohio.

69 **Walter D. Payne** recently changed positions with Bausch & Lomb, Inc. He is now Systems Project Manager.

Francis J. Pohlgeers is in computer sales management for the Burroughs Corporation in Cincinnati, Ohio. He earned the Corporation's highest annual sales award for the fifth time in 1978. He was also named to the Board of Directors of Comprehensive Care, Incorporated, Covington, Kentucky.

70 **Edward G. Zgonc** has been promoted to Sunday Sports Editor of the Lorain Journal. He has worked on the Journal Sports Desk for the past seven years and has won five citations from Ohio Press Associations for excellence in sports writing.

73 **Michael J. Gianoli** was promoted to Plant Superintendent for Dexter Axle, a Division of Philips Industries. The new position will be in the El Reno, Oklahoma plant.

74 **Michael F. Berges** has been promoted to Vice-President of Sales for Economics Laboratory, Inc.

75 **Pamela Campion** has been promoted to lead teacher at Allendale School for Boys, residential facility for juvenile delinquent boys ages 8 - 18. She has been employed by the Special Education District of Lake County since August 1977.

76 **Maureen Pufahl White** is teaching French and English at Nazareth Academy in La Grange Park, Illinois.

77 **Gail Marie Baxter** is a Control Program Analyst for the General Railway Signal of Rochester. Her current assignment is on Atlanta's Marta subway system.

Charles W. Muller was promoted to acting Comptroller of the American Bank & Trust Company in Marion, Indiana.

Saint Joe Students Surprise Father Banet With Huge Birthday Cake, Celebration

More than 500 Saint Joseph's College students visited the Halleck Center cafeteria Wednesday, Dec. 6 for a surprise birthday party honoring college president Father Charles Banet.

Father Banet, who has been president of Saint Joseph's since June of 1965, celebrated his 56th birthday in December.

Central to the celebration was a 10-foot by three foot sheet cake, chocolate with white icing. The

Funding, Public Relations Top Priorities For SJC

Most successful ventures need a carefully-considered list of priorities, and Dr. Robert J. Garrity, vice-president for academic affairs at Saint Joseph's College, underscores funding and public relations as top priorities for higher education today.

"Where will today's high school graduates get the money necessary to attend college? This question presents a major roadblock to many students who would like to enroll," Dr. Garrity points out, "and the future of higher education hinges upon how well we can derive meaningful answers to this question."

As for public relations, Dr. Garrity feels there is an immediate need to convince the public that a college education is much more than preparation for a career.

"Widespread respect for higher education as more than a vocational school is needed and we need to address ourselves more to the reality of what an education really means," he stresses.

The state of Ohio provides one of the most hopeful signs regarding effective funding for students seeking avenues into colleges and universities.

"Ohio's legislature recently approved an outlay of \$1 million in the form of \$1,000 scholarships offered to top Ohio high school graduates who wish to attend an Ohio college or university," Dr. Garrity says. "So far as I know, this is the first program of its kind, and I would like to see this done by more states."

He notes that it is important that a student have a freedom of choice between private and public schools when he considers institutions of higher learning.

"What's really unfortunate is that many students who really prefer to go to a private school cannot because of financial consideration," Dr. Garrity continues. "What's needed is that educators and professional organizations keep on seeking avenues to guarantee students a true freedom of choice; private schools also must protect their interests by strong public relations at state and federal levels."

To increase public confidence in the value of higher education, Dr. Garrity says private schools "must look to themselves first in showing



DR. GARRITY

the public that an education helps a person to know better the world he lives in.

"The best messengers a school can have are its students and alumni, who, by their day-to-day lives, show others what an education has done for them. Each graduate is a reflection of his or her alma mater."

Saint Joe Receives \$900 Sears-Roebuck Grant

Saint Joseph's College has received a grant of \$900 from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation as part of the foundation's granting of more than \$37,700 to 31 privately-supported colleges and universities in Indiana.

Funds may be used unrestrictedly as the colleges and universities deem necessary.



births
deaths
marriages

Kevin Sean born November 5, 1978 to Dennis J. ('66) and Kathleen Berner
Megan Kathleen born November 9, 1978 to Bernard "Tex" ('67) and Judy Carrico
Alison Jane born August 1, 1978 to Richard J. ('67) and Jan Dickrede
Vanessa Duffy born November 1, 1978 to Deno E. ('67) and Marnita Fabbre
Nicholas Robert born December 1, 1978 to Dr. Richard T. ('69) and Linda Corea
Emily H. born October 14, 1978 to Martin A. ('70) and Marjorie Piwowar
Colleen Dawn born November 15, 1978 to Steve ('70) and Julie ('71) Cusik
Emily Michelle born November 14, 1978 to Michael ('71) and Beverly Ploetz
Thomas John born June 13, 1978 to Edmund ('71) and Denise (Zat '71) Feeney
Erin Maureen born January 3, 1979 to Anthony H. ('73) and Maureen Eaton
David Michael born December 16, 1978 to William E. ('73) and Cathy Del Principe
Gregory Joseph born January 1, 1977 to Francis J. ('69) and Linda Pohlgeers
James Ralph born October 8, 1978 to Ralph L. ('73) and Julie Pollaro

Father Herman Schweitzer, C.P.P.S. '14, December 19, 1978
Norman G. Gruse '25, November 10, 1978
Francis James Navarre '26, March 21, 1978

Patricia M. Dixon and Robert S. Kokandy '70, November 11, 1978
Alison Saba and James J. Jaksa '71, September 30, 1978
Karen Bird and Ronald W. LaDuca '76, July 8, 1978
Maureen T. Pufahl '76 and Paul F. White '76, September 29, 1978
Sally R. Stambaugh '78 and Robert W. Lehmenkuler '76, September 23, 1978



"Happy Birthday, Father Banet, from the Student Association," is what Mark Behnke (jr.-SA President) is saying at a recent birthday party held for the SJC president.

Floor Hockey Marathon Nets \$2100 For Charity

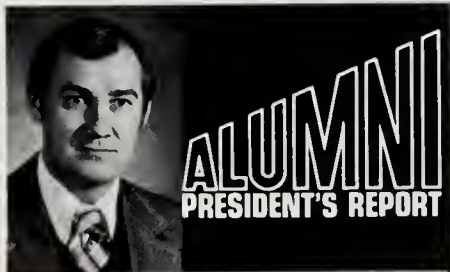
Gallagher Hall's second annual floor hockey marathon began Dec. 14 with college president Father Charles Banet throwing in the first puck, and 22 hours later \$2100 had

this school year that Gallagher Hall has sponsored a charity marathon; the first was a softball marathon in early September. It also was the fourth Gallagher-sponsored charity



been raised for needy families of the Rensselaer community.

This marked the second time in



ALUMNI PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Alumni and Alumnae,

Today the smallest college and the largest university share a very serious problem. Reduced enrollments, either in terms of fewer students or fewer registered credit hours, are being reported throughout the nation. Many causes are cited for this threatening phenomenon such as rising costs of education, inflation in general, and a shifting of emphasis away from the traditional, four-year college degree.

Recently, I was invited to attend a "College Night" at one of the local high schools. I envisioned finding a group of 25 or 30 recruiters. Instead, I found well over 80 colleges represented, several from distances of 300 miles or more. This brought into sharp focus the immense competition which exists in the college recruiting area.

Your Alumni Association has always stood ready to help the College in any way it can. In September it became clear that Saint Joseph's College was experiencing enrollment difficulties; the Alumni Association quickly offered its services to the College. Plans were drafted to create and fill a position in the Admissions Office of alumni liaison for recruiting purposes. This position is expected to be filled soon. It is expected that this liaison person will work closely with the Alumni Association in developing programs and approaches to tap the rich resource of alumni assistance for student recruiting purposes.

In the near future you will be hearing more about how you can help. We envision conducting meetings at various Alumni Chapter locations to give interested alumni thorough orientation on the College, its programs, tuition costs and other matters which can be helpful in talking to high school students about Saint Joe's.

You certainly don't have to wait for us, however. If you know a high school junior or senior who might be a good prospect for Saint Joe's, please make contact with the College so that the Admissions Office can give its full attention to that student's need for information. In addition, if you are interested in having an Alumni Recruiting meeting in your city, please write Jerry Lasko at the College. As always, your college needs you.

Sincerely,

Dale W. Fallat
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marathon since September of 1977.

According to Bert Valenkamph (sr. Gal.), chairman of the marathon, "participation and contributions from the student body and the Rensselaer community far exceeded our hopes and expectations."

Gallagher's goal was set at \$2,000, while the goal of a similar marathon conducted in December of 1977 was \$1,000.

"A lot of credit can be given to the food service that matched us with \$1.35 for each student who gave up his or her dinner during the marathon. The response was tremendous—over 500 students relinquished their dinners, amounting to \$819 donated to the marathon," says Valenkamph.

With the money collected, Christmas food baskets were prepared for needy families in the local community. In addition, marathon funds supported a Dec. 17 Christmas party for needy area children.

Many students who were involved with the party said it captured the real meaning of the holiday season.

Most students participating in the marathon played in one-hour shifts from 5:30 p.m. Dec. 14 to 3:30 p.m. Dec. 15. During the last hour of the marathon, television station WLFI of Lafayette aired a brief portion of the floor hockey action.

Other marathon committee members were: Tom Krodell (sr. Gal.), Jim Pronteau (sr. Gal.) and Al Borck (jr. Gal.).

"As residents of Gallagher Hall and the Saint Joe community, we hope next year more students will get involved, and the continued success and support already evident in the past will keep increasing along with our fund-raising goals," says Valenkamph.

"Everyone gains from a project like this," he concludes. "Those who give and those who receive are both richer in spirit and in person from such an experience."

Summer Job Opportunities

Does your firm hire summer employees? As the cost of private education increases, Saint Joseph's College students depend on summer work to pay tuition and living costs.

Help an SJC student and help yourself by letting the Placement Office contact candidates for you.



sports update

Six Pumas Selected For All-Conference



ROARKS



SOLDAT



GREINER



ZAWORSKI

Four senior Puma defensive players won first-team berths on the All-Heartland Collegiate Conference football team for 1978. All-American middle guard candidates Charles Roarks, tackle Ken Soldat, linebacker Mark Greiner, and free safety John Zaworski were chosen on the all-conference defensive team. Zaworski was a first-team repeater from last year, while for Roarks this marks his third consecutive year as not only a first-team selection, but the third consecutive year he has been named the most valuable defensive lineman in the conference, which is a first in the conference.

In addition, two other senior



KNUTSON



GEDNEY

Pumas were chosen to the second-team offensive all-conference team: split end Doug Knutson, and tackle Steve Gedney, who was also a repeat all-conference performer from last year.

Cagers On Way To Winning Season



Dave Downey slam-dunks the ball against DePauw Jan. 27. The Pumas lost the game, 78-79.

SJC 111.	Northeastern Illinois	77
SJC 92	Bellarmino	89
SJC 85	Grace	71
SJC 90	Milton	86
SJC 88	Southern Illinois	80
SJC 65	Wright State	73
SJC 75	Eastern Illinois	103
SJC 78	Bellarmino	85
SJC 70	Tri-State	62
SJC 74	DePauw	80
SJC 73	Butler	68
SJC 78	Indiana Central	69
SJC 78	Valparaiso	66
SJC 84	Marian	79
SJC 78	DePauw	79
SJC 69	Alabama-Birmingham	84
SJC 82	Indiana St.-Evansville	77
SJC 78	Kentucky Wesleyan	76
SJC 65	Valparaiso	70
SJC 80	Butler	72

— REMAINING GAMES —

Feb. 14	at Indiana Central
Feb. 17	FRANKLIN (Ind.)
Feb. 19	KENTUCKY WESLEYAN
Feb. 21	at Wright State (Ohio)
Feb. 24	INDIANA STATE-EVANSVILLE
Feb. 27	EVANSVILLE

Girl's Basketball Prepares For Tourney

SJC 75	Grace	29
SJC 66	Purdue-Calumet	27
SJC 63	Hunington	49
SJC 66	Purdue-Calumet	33
SJC 65	Indiana Central	58
SJC 72	Anderson	32
SJC 71	IUPU-Ft. Wayne	25
SJC 65	Butler	71
SJC 84	St. Francis	57
SJC 72	St. Francis-Joliet	50
SJC 61	IUPU Indianapolis	57
SJC 71	Valparaiso	49

— REMAINING GAMES —

Feb. 10	BUTLER
Feb. 13	NOTRE DAME
Feb. 16	at Taylor
Feb. 17	at St. Mary's
Feb. 20	at Indiana State
Feb. 22-23-24	IAIAW District Tournament
Mar. 2-3	IAIAW State Tournament

Baseball Team Names Tri-Captains

Pitcher Bobby Nicholas (junior, Highland, Ind.), shortstop Kevin Sims (senior, West Lafayette, Ind.) and catcher Don Steinhilber (junior, South Bend, Ind.) have been named

tri-captains of the 1979 Saint Joseph's baseball team.

The Pumas start their season Mar. 24 with a doubleheader against Marion.



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CAMP O' CHAMPS '79

Under the directorship of Bill and Diane Jennings, these activities will be sponsored:

June 17-22 — Football camp for boys in the
7th, 8th, & 9th grades

June 22-25 — Tennis weekend at
Saint Joseph's College

July 15-20 — Girls & boys all-sports camp
Ages 10-18

For a brochure containing more information
about the camps, please write to:

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Pumas Prepare For Little 500 Weekend Apr. 6 - 8



FRIDAY, APRIL 6

9:30 p.m. Student Association Mixer
(Chapel Cafeteria)

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Track Practice
10:45 a.m. Lunch (Halleck Cafeteria)
11:00 a.m. Pre-Race Show
12:00 Noon "Drivers Start Your Engines"
(Race Begins)
4:00 p.m. "Checkered Flag" (Race Ends)
4:30 p.m. Dinner (Halleck Cafeteria)
9:30 p.m. Little 500 Mixer and Awards
Presentation (Halleck Ballroom)

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

"Palm Sunday"

(Rain date for Little 500 Race)

10:30 a.m. Solemn Blessing of Palms
Mass (College Chapel)
11:15 a.m. "Brunch SJC Style"
(Halleck Cafeteria)

